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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 540AE [2681.3128.001]

First Inventor Rainer Schmidt

Title Fuel Tank

Express Mail Label No. E606428160US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 16]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the invention
  - Brief Summary of the invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

Prior application information

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Application Number  
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First Named Inventor Rainer Schmidt et al  
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Attorney Docket No. 540AE [2681.3128.001]

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Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27

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### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101                  | 710                   | 201                  | 355                   | Utility filing fee     | 740      |
| 106                  | 320                   | 206                  | 160                   | Design filing fee      |          |
| 107                  | 490                   | 207                  | 245                   | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108                  | 710                   | 208                  | 355                   | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 114                  | 150                   | 214                  | 75                    | Provisional filing fee |          |

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#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims          | Extra<br>Claims | Fee from<br>below | Fee<br>Paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 20                    | -20**           | 0                 | 0           |
| Independent<br>Claims | 3               | -3**              | 0           |
| Multiple<br>Dependent |                 |                   | 0           |

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 103                  | 18                    | 203                  | 9                     | Claims in excess of 20  |
| 102                  | 80                    | 202                  | 40                    | Independent claims in excess of 3                             |
| 104                  | 270                   | 204                  | 135                   | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                         |
| 109                  | 80                    | 209                  | 40                    | ** Reissue independent claims over<br>original patent         |
| 110                  | 18                    | 210                  | 9                     | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and<br>over original patent |

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| 127                            | 50                             | 227                            | 25                             | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee<br>or cover sheet                        |             |
| 139                            | 130                            | 139                            | 130                            | Non-English specification  |             |
| 147                            | 2,520                          | 147                            | 2,520                          | For filing a request for reexamination   |             |
| 112                            | 920*                           | 112                            | 920*                           | Requesting publication of SIR prior to<br>Examiner action                        |             |
| 113                            | 1,840*                         | 113                            | 1,840*                         | Requesting publication of SIR after<br>Examiner action                           |             |
| 115                            | 110                            | 215                            | 55                             | Extension for reply within first month   |             |
| 116                            | 390                            | 216                            | 195                            | Extension for reply within second<br>month                                       |             |
| 117                            | 890                            | 217                            | 445                            | Extension for reply within third month   |             |
| 118                            | 1,390                          | 218                            | 695                            | Extension for reply within fourth<br>month                                       |             |
| 128                            | 1,890                          | 228                            | 945                            | Extension for reply within fifth month   |             |
| 119                            | 310                            | 219                            | 155                            | Notice of Appeal   |             |
| 120                            | 310                            | 220                            | 155                            | Filing a brief in support of an appeal   |             |
| 121                            | 270                            | 221                            | 135                            | Request for oral hearing   |             |
| 138                            | 1,510                          | 138                            | 1,510                          | Petition to institute a public use<br>proceeding                                 |             |
| 140                            | 110                            | 240                            | 55                             | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |             |
| 141                            | 1,240                          | 241                            | 620                            | Petition to revive - unintentional   |             |
| 142                            | 1,240                          | 242                            | 620                            | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |             |
| 143                            | 440                            | 243                            | 220                            | Design issue fee   |             |
| 144                            | 600                            | 244                            | 300                            | Plant issue fee  |             |
| 122                            | 130                            | 122                            | 130                            | Petitions to the Commissioner  |             |
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| 126                            | 180                            | 126                            | 180                            | Submission of Information Disclosure<br>Stmnt                                    |             |
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| 146                            | 710                            | 246                            | 355                            | Filing a submission after final rejection<br>(37 CFR § 1.129(a))                 |             |
| 149                            | 710                            | 249                            | 355                            | For each additional invention to be<br>examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))              |             |
| 179                            | 710                            | 279                            | 355                            | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)  |             |
| 169                            | 900                            | 169                            | 900                            | Request for expedited examination<br>of a design application                     |             |

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a new patent application entitled

**FUEL TANK**

This application is being filed pursuant to the revised Rules of Practice effective February 27, 1983 by the undersigned attorney of the applicant. It is respectfully requested that this application be assigned a filing date of **JANUARY 11, 2002** pursuant to the "**Express Mail**" (**EL606428160US**) provision of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 as amended.

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Priority Claimed: **GERMAN 101 04 511.5 - Filed January 31, 2001**

We await receipt of a filing date and serial number for this application.

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